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SUBJECT: STATUS OF U.S. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES IN INDIA

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1. NEW YORK TIMES: CORRESPONDENT BILL BORDERS HAS SIGNED TIMES OWN MODIFIED VERSION OF THE NEW GOI CENSORSHIP GUIDELINES PLEDGE WHICH HE SAYS WAS ACCEPTED BY THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND WHICH HE IS HOPEFUL WILL COVER THE PROBLEM OF THE PAPER'S COMPLIANCE.

2. WASHINGTON POST: CORRESPONDENT DAVID GREENWAY ACTING AS A BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET MEA PRESS SPOKEMAN A.N.D. HAKSAR TONIGHT AT 1800 IST. HE TELLS THE EMBASSY HE FEELS THAT WITH THE POST'S PUBLICATION OF THE KAUL LETTER AND ARTICLE THE GOI MAY NOW BE WILLING TO PERMIT ANOTHER WORKING CORRESPONDENT TO COME TO NEW DELHI. HE WILL RECOMMAND RETENTION OF THE NEWS-

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PAPER'S FACILITIES HERE WITH SUGGESTION OF TDY NEWS COVERAGE

IN MONTHS TO COME URGING THERE BE NO ATTEMPT TO PLACE ANOTHER
PERMANENT CORRESPONDENT HERE UNTIL AT LEAST DECEMBER.

3. ASSOCIATED PRESS: LIKE NEW YORK TIMES, THE AP HAS SIGNED AND
SUBMITTED ITS OWN VERSION OF THE GUIDELINES AGREEMENT.

4. TIME, INC.: NEITHER VISITING CORRESPONDENT DAVID AIKMAN NOR
RESIDENT STAFFER JAMES SHEPHERD HAVE BEEN APPROACHED TO SIGN
GOI UNDERTAKING.

5. NEWSWEEK: NO REPORT ON FRIDAY FROM HONGKONG CORRESPONDENT
RON MOREAU WHO YESTERDAY WAS BEING SOUGHT BY GOI. LOCAL REPORTER
R. RAMANUJAM, AS IS THE CASE WITH SHEPHERD OF TIME, INC. HAS
BEEN POINTED TO INACTIVITY FOR SAFETY'S SAKE AND WILL GO ON LEAVE.

6. UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL: STILL HAS NOT ACTED BUT PLANS TO
FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES' AND SIGN SOMETHING
SIMILAR TO THE "ROSENTHAL VERSION" OF THE PLEDGE.
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